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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Randy Bower et al.
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2003, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.